

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 19, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 656

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 21, 2013

An act to ~~amend~~ add Section ~~47602~~ of 47605.9 to the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 656, as amended, Chávez. Charter schools.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 ~~limits the number of new charter schools that may be authorized to operate in the state to 100 in each successive school year.~~ *specifies the procedures for the submission, review, and approval or denial of a petition to establish a countywide charter school, under which the charter school may operate at one or more sites within the geographic boundaries of the county. Existing law specifies the procedures for submission, review, and approval or denial of a petition for the operation of a state charter school, and authorizes the state board to approve a charter for the operation of the charter school at multiple sites throughout the state.*

~~This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.~~ *specify that a petition for the establishment of a countywide charter school or a statewide benefit charter school may seek to establish multiple charter schools, which would be considered individual schools for purposes that include, but are not limited to, compliance, monitoring, data reporting and collection, pupil performance data, oversight, and apportionment.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 47605.9 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 47605.9. A petition for the establishment of a countywide
4 charter school pursuant to Section 47605.6 or a statewide benefit
5 charter school pursuant to Section 47605.8 may, at the discretion
6 of the petitioner and upon approval of the chartering authority,
7 seek to establish multiple charter schools, which shall be
8 considered separate schools for purposes that include, but are not
9 limited to, compliance, monitoring, data reporting and collection,
10 pupil performance data, oversight, and apportionment.

11 SECTION 1. Section 47602 of the Education Code is amended
12 to read:

13 ~~47602. (a) In the 1998-99 school year, the maximum total~~
14 ~~number of charter schools authorized to operate in this state shall~~
15 ~~be 250. In each successive school year thereafter, an additional~~
16 ~~100 charter schools are authorized to operate in this state. For~~
17 ~~purposes of implementing this section, the state board shall assign~~
18 ~~a number to each charter petition that it grants pursuant to~~
19 ~~subdivision (j) of Section 47605 or Section 47605.8 and to each~~
20 ~~charter notice it receives pursuant to this part, based on the~~
21 ~~chronological order in which the notice is received. The number~~
22 ~~assigned by the state board shall correspond to a single petition~~
23 ~~that identifies a charter school that will operate within the~~
24 ~~geographic and site limitations of this part. The state board shall~~
25 ~~develop a numbering system for charter schools that identifies~~
26 ~~each school associated with a charter and that operates within the~~
27 ~~existing limit on the number of charter schools that can be approved~~
28 ~~each year. For purposes of this section, sites that share educational~~
29 ~~programs and serve similar pupil populations may not be counted~~
30 ~~as separate schools. Sites that do not share a common educational~~
31 ~~program shall be considered separate schools for purposes of this~~
32 ~~section. The limits contained in this subdivision may not be waived~~
33 ~~by the state board pursuant to Section 33050 or any other law.~~

34 ~~(b) A charter shall not be granted under this part that authorizes~~
35 ~~the conversion of a private school to a charter school. A charter~~
36 ~~school shall not receive any public funds for a pupil if the pupil~~
37 ~~also attends a private school that charges the pupil's family for~~

1 tuition. The state board shall adopt regulations to implement this
2 section.

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